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CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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TITLE OF INVENTION
PARTICULATE WATER ABSORBING AGENT WITH IRREGULARLY PULVERIZED SHAPE

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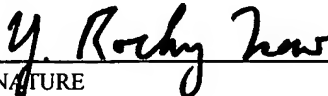
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☐ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☒ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☒ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 C.F.R. 1.76.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 C.F.R. 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:
International Search Report; Written Opinion

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The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... \$300				\$300.00	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0 All other situations..... \$200				\$200.00	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB \$400 All other situations..... \$500				\$400.00	
Total of 21, 22 and 23 =				\$900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total Claims	21 - 20 =	1	x \$50	\$50.00	
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	0	x \$200	\$0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360	\$0.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$950.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.				\$0.00	
SUBTOTAL =				\$950.00	
Processing fee of \$130 for furnishing the English Translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 C.F.R. 1.492(i))				\$0.00	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$950.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 C.F.R. 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 C.F.R. 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$0.00	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$950.00	
				Amount to be refunded:	\$0.00
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a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed. b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. 06-1050 in the amount of \$0.00 to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. d. <input type="checkbox"/> Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.					
NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 C.F.R. 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 C.F.R. 1.137(a) or (b) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.					
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